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I strongly favor the settlement. Long drawn out litigation in a dynamic fast changing industry such as software obviously hurts the public by diverting management attention away from innovation to serve the public and diverting monies to lawyers that should be spent on innovation. The best minds of Microsoft the Justice Department and responsible state attorney generals have now agreed. The only disagreement comes from some attorney generals such as the AG in my state of Massachusetts who are subject to powerful political pressures from Microsoft competitors whose interests do not necessarily concur with the public interest.